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P&G Case No. 8312

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
AGYAPONG, ET AL :
Serial No.: 09/695,552 : Group Art Unit: 3761
Filing Date: October 24, 2000 : Examiner: D. Ruhl
Confirmation No. 2560
For: IMPROVED PROTECTION :
TAMPON AND METHOD OF :
MAKING :

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 15, and 16

1.(Twice Amended) An absorbent tampon comprising:

a mass of absorbent material which has been compressed into a generally cylindrical, self-sustaining form, wherein subsequent to said compression said generally cylindrical, self sustaining form has a diameter of less than about 15 mm, said tampon having an absorbent capacity as measured by the syngyna test of between about 6 to about 9 grams, said tampon being fluid expanding, and said tampon having an expanded width upon fluid absorption of at least about 20 mm.